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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AT
OVERSEAS POSTS

REF: STATE 210312, 271528; ASUNCION A-93, A-76

1. IN A-93 POST REQUESTED APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF CONSTRUCTION OF A ROOM IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE CHANCERY FRONT DOOR TO HOUSE THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT LOCATION. IN THE NEW POSITION THE MSG WILL BE ABLE TO ALSO CONTROL ACCESS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION AND USIS OFFICES. AT THE PRESENT TIME PERSONS ENTER THE CONSULAR SECTION WITHOUT SCREENING BY AN MSG. THE MSG WILL BE ABLE TO REMOTELY CONTROL ACCESS TO THESE AREAS BY MEANS OF TWO DOORS EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRIC LOCKING

DEVICES. TO SUPPLEMENT A-93, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

A. THE CONSULAR SECTION AND USIS OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN THE CHANCERY. THE BUILDING AND SURROUNDING COMPOUND ARE OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

B. WINDOW GRILLS FOR ALL CHANCERY WINDOWS ACCESSIBLE FROM THE GROUND WERE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IN A-76. TO DATE NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT. THE INSTALLATION OF THE PROPOSED MSG ROOM IS DESIGNED TO REQUIRE ALL VISITORS TO THE CHANCERY, CONSULAR SECTION, OR USIS TO PASS THROUGH ONE OF TWO DOORS WHICH WILL BOTH BE CONTROLLED WITH ELECTRIC

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LOCKING MECHANISMS BY THE MSG. THE PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED

WINDOW GRILLS COMPLEMENT THE ARRANGEMENT. WITHOUT THEM
TERRORISTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE BUILDING FORCIBLY
THROUGH NUMEROUS UNPROTECTED WINDOWS AND SLIDING DOORS EVEN
THOUGH THE MSG HAS CONTROL OF THE ENTRANCES. COST INFORMATION
FOR THE WINDOW GRILLS IS CONTAINED IN A-76.

C. MYLAR FOR USE ON ALL CHANCERY WINDOWS TO INCLUDE THOSE OF
THE USIS AND CONSULAR AREAS HAS ARRIVED AT POST. IT WILL BE
INSTALLED WHEN PREVIOUSLY ORDERED APPLICATION TOOLS AND CHEMICALS
ARRIVE.

D. NO ADDITIONAL LOCAL GUARDS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE PROTECTION
OF USIS OR CONSULAR AREAS. THE CHANCERY COMPOUND IS NOW
PROTECTED BY LOCAL GUARDS AND POLICEMEN.

E. NO ADDITIONAL MARINE SECURITY GUARDS ARE REQUESTED. CHANGING
THE LOCACTION OF THE MSG ASSIGNED TO THE FRONT LOBBY AS PROPOSED
WILL ENABLE HIM TO CONTROL ACCESS TO ALL PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS
AND TO THE CHANCERY.

F. NO ADDITIONAL ALARM CCTV SYSTEMS ARE REQUESTED FOR PROTECTION
OF THE PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS. ALARM SYSTEMS CURRENTLY IN USE
WHICH TERMINATE AT THE MSG DESK WILL BE REROUTED TO THE NEW
MSG ROOM.

G. ELECTRIC LOCKING MECHANISMS WERE REQUESTED IN A-93 TO
ENABLE THE MSG TO REMOTELY CONTROL ACCESS TO THE
DOOR WHICH LEADS TO THE CHANCERY AND TO THE DOOR PROPOSED TO
LEAD TO THE CONSULAR SECTION AND TO THE USIS OFFICES.

H. NO ADDITIONAL COMMUNICAIONS SYSTEMS ARE REQUESTED.

2. THE PROPOSED DESIGN, SPECIFICATIONS, COST, AND DRAWINGS OF
THE PROPOSAL AND SURROUNDING AREA WERE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
IN A-93. THE RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE AND IN A-93
AND A-76 HAVE THE APPROVAL OF THE RSO.

3. EMBASSY HOPES DEPARTMENT (SY AND FBO) WILL ACT EXPEDITIOUSLY
TO PROVIDE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION/FUNDING TO COMPLETE
BADLY NEEDED SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.
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